

FAQs

1. How did the Poly-goes-UAS Programme come about?

The German Mittelstand companies have, for many years, been sponsoring students to complete their higher education degree under the Dual Studies programme. In this work-study applied learning program, students alternate between university coursework and internships at the sponsoring company. Upon graduation, the student typically starts his first job with the sponsor company.

In Singapore, the German Mittelstand Champions have been steadily expanding to better serve the Asian market. Hence in 2014, select German Mittelstand Champions, EDB and local polytechnics established the Poly-Goes-UAS programme that sponsors students to study in the Universities of Applied Sciences or Dual Studies Universities located in Germany.

2. How is Poly-Goes-UAS different from a traditional university route?

The difference between the Poly Goes UAS programme and a traditional route in a research university lies in the approach to internships. In both cases, the university provides a rigorous academic programme during the semester. But in Poly-goes-UAS, the sponsor company accompanies candidates throughout the entire university degree program, and provides them with multiple internships in different departments of the same company.

For instance, candidates could have an opportunity to be rotated to product management, design, R&D and technical customer service in the same company, while completing their degree within 3 to 4 years. Candidates would hence gain work experience in business and engineering positions during their work-study period.

Poly-goes-UAS introduces more opportunities for industry exposure, deeper appreciation of the sponsoring company's culture as well as a higher chance of obtaining a first job with the sponsoring company.

3. What does the Poly-goes-UAS scholarship entail?

Participating companies are prepared to provide the following to selected students:

- A series of meaningful internships throughout the period of study. Students will undergo up to 6 internships in engineering departments and possibly different facilities of the same company during their term breaks. The internships will provide practical exposure to complement the student's course of study.

- Monthly stipend for the duration of the Poly-goes-UAS programme. This varies by region as it is pegged to local cost of living in Germany. The stipend typically ranges from €800 to €1,400 per month¹.
- Reimbursement for language studies. Companies are willing to provide reimbursement for successful completion of German language studies, as part of the candidate's preparation for studies in Germany.
- Return airfare between Singapore and Germany. Companies will sponsor at least one return airfare to Germany, to cover the cost incurred by students when travelling up for the Poly-goes-UAS programme.
- Consideration for job offer, on completion of studies. If the student is deemed suitable for employment, the sponsoring company will make an offer for a relevant job in its Singapore operations no later than one month before graduation.

¹ Subject to sponsor company's internal HR policies.